

WEST MADISON UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the West Madison Utility District was duly convened, held and conducted on September 13, 2022, in the Kearney Park Community Center at 443 Livingston Vernon Road, Flora MS, as follows to wit:

The President of the Board, Larry Bennett, presided and called the meeting to order. The following members were present:

Commissioner Larry Bennett  
Commissioner Letitia Reeves  
Commissioner Joyce Monroe  
Commissioner Scott Colson

NOTE: Commissioner Carolyn Andrews joined the meeting during the engineer's report.

The Board President announced that the members of the Board present constituted a quorum and declared the meeting duly convened. Commissioner Bennett opened the meeting with a prayer.

**RE: Approval of the September 13, 2022 Agenda**

Commissioner Colson motioned and Commissioner Andrews seconded to approve the Agenda for the West Madison Utility District. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Commissioner Larry Bennett	Aye
Commissioner Letitia Reeves	Aye
Commissioner Joyce Monroe	Aye
Commissioner Scott Colson	Aye

The matter carried unanimously and the Agenda for the September 13, 2022 meeting is hereby approved

**RE: Approval of Agenda Consent Items:**

Commissioner Colson motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, and Commissioner Monroe seconded the motion. Consent Items are listed as follows:

\*\*\*CONSENT AGENDA\*\*\*

4. Acknowledgement and Acceptance of EOM RVS Report for August, 2022
5. Acceptance and Approval of the August 9, 2022 Minutes
6. Ratification of Board Action regarding filing a claim with the Insurance Company regarding sewer overflow at 103 Compress Street

The vote on the matter being as follows:

Commissioner Larry Bennett	Aye
Commissioner Letitia Reeves	Aye
Commissioner Joyce Monroe	Aye
Commissioner Scott Colson	Aye

The matter carried unanimously and the Consent Items for the September 13, 2022 meeting are hereby approved.

**RE: Financial Report**

Commissioner Colson motioned to approve and accept the July, 2022 End of Month Financials Less and Except any Items regarding Herring, Long and Crews. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Monroe.

The vote on the matter being as follows:

Commissioner Larry Bennett	Aye
Commissioner Letitia Reeves	Aye
Commissioner Joyce Monroe	Aye
Commissioner Scott Colson	Aye

The matter carried unanimously and the July, 2022 End of Month Financials Less and Except any Items regarding Herring, Long and Crews are hereby approved and accepted.

Commissioner Reeves left the room in regard to the next item due to potential conflict of interest.

Commissioner Colson made the motion to approve any payment/billing from Herring, Long & Crews listed in the July, 2022 End of Month Financials. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Monroe.

Commissioner Larry Bennett	Aye
Commissioner Joyce Monroe	Aye
Commissioner Scott Colson	Aye

The matter carried unanimously and any payment/billing from Herring, Long & Crews listed in the July, 2022 End of Month Financials are hereby approved and accepted.

Commissioner Reeves rejoined the meeting.

#### **RE: Customer's Concerns and Issues**

None

#### **RE: Engineer's Report**

Morgan Sims stated that he had been working with K. T. Newman in identifying water leaks and sewer problems.

Morgan also mentioned that neither he nor K. T. had received information regarding the preliminary engineering specs for the CDBG funds that Madison County is trying to acquire to repair WMUD's sewer system. Commissioner Reeves stated that she had spoken with Supervisor Karl Banks and he was going to make sure that Waggoner Engineering forwarded those to him and K. T. WMUD needs to make sure that the worst part of the sewer system is being addressed in these specifications.

#### **RE: Operator's Report**

Water samples passed all standards set by the Dept. of Health for August, 2022. No new compliance issues to be reported regarding the lagoon.

Discussion ensued regarding the sewer line near 101 and 103 Compress Street. When it was put in, a 4 inch line was used and instead of putting in manholes at each turn, fittings were used. Also there is a backwards fall towards the main line. K. T. stated that this section of line really needed to be replaced with a 6 inch line and laid in such a manner as to eliminate the backward fall for sewer flow. The cost to replace this line just in this area is estimated to be \$2,435.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Colson to proceed with the installation of the new 6 inch sewer line in the 101-103 Compress Street area. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reeves with all Commissioners voting "aye." The motion carried.

The lift station at Annie McCree's is in the ground and ready to tie into the system when the area is dry enough. If the rain holds off for the next few days, the work should be completed in this regard.

There are two leaks that need to be repaired: one on Simpson Street and one on Livingston Vernon Road and the water will need to be shut off in these locations for a couple of hours or so for those repairs. K. T. stated that he wanted to put out notices regarding when the water would be cut off prior to doing the repair work, which should be within the next week.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Jim Herring, WMUD's attorney, was present to address the Board regarding legal matters. Commission Colson motioned to enter into executive session for legal updates and contract discussions. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Monroe with all Commissioners voting "aye." The Board entered into Executive Session.

The Board exited Executive Session.

Commissioner Colson made a motion to proceed with the filing of the Complaint to Quiet Title regarding WMUD's back up well located on Hanks Trail (formerly Lep Childress Road). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Monroe. Commissioner Reeves stated that the motion needed to be amended to add authorization for Larry Bennett, as President, to sign the Complaint as well. Commissioner Colson made a motion to amend the motion to proceed with the filing of the Complaint to Quiet Title regarding WMUD's back up well located on Hanks Trail (formerly Lep Childress Road) and authorize Larry Bennett to execute the Complaint on behalf of WMUD. The amended motion was seconded by Commissioner Monroe with all voting "aye." The amended motion carried.

Commissioner Colson made the motion to authorize our engineer, Morgan Sims, to begin the work necessary to expand WMUD's certificated water area to encompass the areas currently being serviced by WMUD. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Andrews with all Commissioners voting "aye." The motion carried.

Commissioner Andrews made the motion to accept the proposal from Southern Duplicating to lease a mvp printer as set forth in their proposal for 36 months with the additional maintenance fee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Monroe, with all Commissioners voting "aye." The motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Colson asked about the garbage can holder the Board had authorized several meetings ago. K. T. informed him that it was in place and only needed the additional garbage cans.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There being no other business to discuss, Commissioner Monroe made a motion to dismiss the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Andrews. All commissioners voted "aye," and the meeting was dismissed.

Minutes Prepared by: Commissioner Letitia Reeves, Vice President